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Title: Regarding setting up a Turmeric Research Centre at Duggirrala, get GI certification for exports.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Madam Speaker, Duggirala and Kollipara Mandals in my Guntur Parliamentary Constituency are very well known for turmeric production, also known as *Pasupu* in Telugu. Every year five-lakh turmeric bags are received in the Duggirala Market Yard, and turmeric is the source of income for more than 50,000 farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

The key ingredient in turmeric is curcumin. The higher the curcumin content, the better the quality. The best quality turmeric will have about 5 to 6 per cent, and those in Duggirala and Kollipara contain about 2 to 3 per cent curcumin.

So, to improve the level of curcumin in turmeric, we are requesting for a Turmeric Research Centre at Duggirala, and also we need to get a GI tag for Duggirala turmeric. The Turmeric Centre at Duggirala would be able to provide best quality seeds, increase the curcumin content and improve the farming practices.

Therefore, through you, Madam, I would request the Government of India to set up a Turmeric Research Centre at Duggirala, get GI certification for exports and take steps to provide remunerative price for the farmers producing turmeric.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Jayadev Galla.